IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Boyd et al.)
Application No.: 10/667,540) Examiner: Pedro Philogeno) Group: 3733
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DEVICES AND METHODS FOR THE RESTORATION OF A SPINAL DISC))) August 22, 2007

RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment in response to a non-final Office Action, mailed on July 26, 2007, is being filed within the three-month period for response (to and including October 26, 2007), so no fees are believed to be due. However, if an extension of time is required, it is requested that the Commissioner grant such extension. The Commissioner is further authorized to deduct any additional amounts due (excluding the issue fee) or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0014.